Merger of International Airports Authority and National Airports Authority

*338. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to merge the International Airports Authority and the National Airports Authority; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

C. B. I. Probe against the officials of Air India

*339. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have instituted a CBI probe against the Air India officials responsible for allowing two private operators to run away with over Rs. 5 crore by providing traffic rights on a platter in the early eighties; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DGCA's relaxation of norms and regulations to suit Vayudoot Operations

*340. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General, Civil Aviation (DGCA), has shown preferential treatment to Vayudoot at the cost of passenger's safety by relaxing their own norms and regulations to suit its operations;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that DGCA has given permission to Vayudoot to operate on routes on Hubli, Guna, Tanjore and Neyveli in spite of the fact that airports at these places do not provide basic facilities; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to conduct a high level enquiry into the affairs of Vayudoot, and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Basic facilities are provided by State Governments.

(d) No, Sir. The need for such an inquiry is not felt.

U.S. reaction to 'Agni' launch

@2673. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the criticism voiced by the US authorities against the launching of "Agni" and their efforts to

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